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FUNDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds provided for `Supplementary Nutrition for Children` under the Tenth Five Year remain largely unutilised;

(b) if so, the extent of under-utilisation of funds by different State Governments and Union Territory Administrations; and

(c) the number of children benefited under the programme during the said Plan period, State/ Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS), supplementary nutrition is provided to preschool children, pregnant and lactating women.

Supplementary nutrition under ICDS was, till 2004-05, the responsibility of the State Governments. Since many states were not providing funds adequately for supplementary nutrition , it was decided in 2005-06, to support the States upto 50% of the financial norms or 50% of expenditure incurred by them on supplementary nutrition , whichever is less.

In the year 2005-06, Rs. 97458.55 lakhs has been released from the Government of India to the States and the States have reported an expenditure of Rs. 214270.621akh including the State`s share. Similarly, during the current financial year 2006-07 ( till date), Rs. 142684,25 lakh has been released from the Government of India to the States and the States have reported an expenditure of Rs. 156772.67 lakh including the State`s share.

State-wise fund released by GOI and expenditure reported by States is at Annexure I.

(c) The number of children benefited under the ICDS programme during the X Plan is at Annexure II.